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Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan (S/2018/143 and S/2018/163)

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General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process to adopt a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

On the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Member states, observers, United Nations entities and stakeholders accredited to the preparatory process are invited to attend.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 5 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The Co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration will hold an informal dialogue with stakeholders on Thursday, 15 March 2018, from 09:00 to 10:00.

For further information, please *click here*.

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00	53rd meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 [item 136]

Joint Inspection Unit [item 142]

Standards of accommodation for air travel

(A/72/716, A/72/7/Add.44, A/72/629 and A/72/629/Add.1)

Followed by	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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(A/72/716, A/72/7/Add.44, A/72/629 and A/72/629/Add.1)

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Joint Inspection Unit [item 142]

Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 [item 136]

Review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund

(A/72/34, A/72/733, A/72/704, A/72/704/Add.1, A/70/395 and A/70/7/Add.7

Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee is available on the Committee's website (*click here*).

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Committee is open.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee.

In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy to the secretariat of the Committee, prior to the start of the meeting.

The composition of delegations, names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal (*click here*).

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (UNLB)

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Commission on the Status of Women

Sixty-second session

10:00 to 13:00	8th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast]	Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Review theme: participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women" (E/CN.6/2018/2, E/CN.6/2018/3, E/CN.6/2018/4 and E/CN.6/2018/5) [item 3 (a) (ii)]

Voluntary presentation by Slovakia

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3 as a whole]

(For list of documents, please *click here*)

Continuation of general discussion

15:00 to 18:00	9th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3 as a whole]

(For list of documents, please *click here*)

Continuation of general discussion

13:15 to 14:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts", convened by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 1

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls" convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia)

To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.

Members, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal.

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive dialogues, including the ministerial round tables.

Delegations are invited to email their statements one hour in advance of delivery for circulation via PaperSmart services.

Further information on the session can be obtained from the Commission website (*click here*). For PaperSmart Services papersmart3@un.org. For NGOs written statements (*click here*).

Contacts: Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (for inscription by IGOs, UN system (alejandrino@un.org; 917-367-4422)), Ms. Catalina De Leon (for the list of speakers) (leonc@un.org)), Ms. Yasmine Laabas (for list of participants of IGOs and UN system (laabas@un.org)) and Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (tanoy@un.org).

Committee for Development Policy
Twentieth session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventy-second session

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

15:00 79th plenary meeting [webcast] General Assembly Hall

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]

Commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Friday, 16 March 2018

15:00 Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

On the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the United Nations operational activities for development

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Monday, 19 March 2018

10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations convened by the co-facilitators to lead the review of the arrangements contained in resolution 68/1 entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council" and its annex

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Thursday, 22 March 2018

10:00 High-level event General Assembly Hall

15:00 High-level event Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly will convene a high-level event to launch the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development" (2018–2028)

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org; 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Thematic debate on working methods Trusteeship Council Chamber

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Sixth Committee

Friday, 16 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Closed briefing	Conference Room 8

State Responsibility briefing to delegates (A/71/80/Add.1)

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

Monday, 19 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Informal preparatory meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Informal preparatory meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions, permanent observer missions and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus has also been posted on the website of the Division *(click here)*.

Disarmament Commission

Monday, 2 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Opening meeting	Conference Room 3

The Disarmament Commission will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 2 April 2018, to Friday, 20 April 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (A/CN.10/L.80/Rev.1).

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of participants are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of the request for inscription.

Further information is available in the Disarmament Commission website (*click here*), for the Accessibility Centre (*click here*) or contact Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Secretary of the Commission (lomaia@un.org); Ms. Christa Giles, Deputy Secretary of the Commission (giles@un.org), Ms. Lidija Komatina , List of speakers, (komatina@un.org) or Mr. Martin Vrastiak, List of Participants (vrastiak@un.org). Accessibility *click here*

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Monday, 19 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will be held from Monday, 19, to Friday, 23 March 2018.

The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 19 March 2018, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.2, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/INF/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.3, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/2 and A/CONF.192/2018/PC/3).

Delegations and observers who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal, which will be available as of 1 March 2018.

Further information is available on the website, please *click here*; or contact Ms. Sonia Elliott, Secretary of the PrepCom (elliotts@un.org); Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Deputy Secretary of the PrepCom (lomaia@un.org); Mr. Dino Del Vasto (del-vasto@un.org), Ms. Lidija Komatina (komatina@un.org) and Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (cianciulli@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-eighth session

Monday, 4 June 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

The seventy-eighth session of the Committee on Contributions will be held at Headquarters from Monday, 4 June 2018 to Friday, 29 June 2018.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests.

Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2018*. The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245.

Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the secretariat of the Committee for further information (405 East 42nd Street, S-2115; tel. 212-963-4975; fax 212-963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 16 April 2018

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

Basic programme of work of the Council [item 3]

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [item 4]

Additional information is available on the website of the Council. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb. Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence no later than 30 March 2018 to the secretariat of the Council.

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers by Member States and Observer States should be submitted through the ECOSOC e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE.

The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

Intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers should send, in writing, the full name and title of the speaker to the Office of the Secretary of the Council.

To circulate statements electronically, see PaperSmart link. For inclusion in the list of participants, the names of representatives and alternates attending this event should be registered through the ECOSOC e-List of Participants module in e-deleGATE.

(E/2018/1, E/2018/2, E/2018/100, E/2018/1/Add.1, E/2018/9 and E/2018/9/Add.3, E/2018/9/Add.4, E/2018/9/Add.5, E/2018/9/Add.6, E/2018/9/Add.7, E/2018/9/Add.8, E/2018/9/Add.9, E/2018/9/Add.10, E/2018/9/Add.11, E/2018/9/Add.12, E/2018/9/Add.13 and E/2018/9/Add.14)

Links: PaperSmart, Candiweb, e-deleGATE Portal, Website, https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/node/5143421, and https://www.un.org/ecosoc/sites/www.un.org.ecosoc/files/files/en/cmm/2018-april-cmm-programme.pdf

Contacts: ECOSOC Affairs Branch (elections to ECOSOC subsidiary bodies) (ecosocelections@un.org)

Friday, 16 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations General Assembly Hall

On the draft conclusions and recommendations of the 2018 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

Convened by the co-facilitators (Jamaica and Portugal), on behalf of the Presidency of the Council (the Czech Republic)

A letter from the co-facilitators, dated 8 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Links: e-deleGATE Portal, Website or http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffdforum/2018-ffd-forum.html.

2018 Partnership Forum

Wednesday, 4 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited to attend.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

Members, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal, by 18:00, on Monday, 2 April 2018.

Since a flexible seating arrangement will be used, Member States that are not members of the Council, representatives of intergovernmental organizations, as well as of the United Nations system that wish to participate, should communicate their intention to participate to the secretariat of the Council, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room no later than 18:00, on 2 April 2018.

All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available on the website of the Economic and Social Council.

For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Links: PaperSmart, e-deleGATE Portal, Website or *click here*.

Contacts: Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (simonp@un.org); ECOSOC Affairs Branch (pricec@un.org).

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 23 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office.

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be submitted through the ECOSOC e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE.

Inscriptions on the list of speakers will close by 13:00, on 20 April 2018.

The time limit set for statements is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

Intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers should send, in writing, the full name and title of the speaker to the Office of the Secretary of the Council.

To circulate statements electronically, see PaperSmart link.

All delegations are reminded to submit their nominations for participation, as soon as possible, to the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *two minutes* (*four minutes* for group statements).

For inclusion in the list of participants, the names of representatives and alternates attending this event should be registered through the ECOSOC e-List of Participants module in e-deleGATE.

Links: PaperSmart, e-deleGATE Portal, Website and http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffdforum/2018-ffd-forum.html

Commission on Population and Development

Monday, 9 April 2018

10:00 to 13:0 0 [webcast] . Conference Room 4

The Commission on Population and Development will hold its 51 substantive session from Monday, 9 April 2018, to Friday, 13 April 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 9 April 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

(E/CN.9/2018/1, E/CN.9/2018/2, E/CN.9/2018/3, E/CN.9/2018/4, E/CN.9/2018/5, E/CN.9/2018/6, E/CN.9/2018/L.1 and E/CN.9/2018/L.2)

For participation and seating arrangements, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat of the Commission.

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room, on the opening day.

All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Members and observers who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

The lists of speakers for all agenda items will be open on19 March 2018.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed 5 minutes; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed 10 minutes; and statements made by observers should not exceed 4 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery. Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 30 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than one hour before delivery of the statement.

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Links: Side events, NGOs, Website and PaperSmart

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Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-second session

Friday, 16 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
	On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia)	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
	On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia)	

Monday, 19 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
	On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia)	

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Monday, 19 March 2018

13:15 to 14:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room C

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/
United Nations Population Fund/
United Nations Office for Project Services**

Friday, 23 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 9

UNDP briefing on the working plan of engagement with the Executive Board – A UNDP for the United Nations system

All delegations are invited to attend.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 13 March 2018

Economic and Social Council
2018 session

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-second session

[archived video]

5th meeting (parallel) *Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

High-level interactive dialogue among ministers on "Accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and achieving concrete results by 2020"

The Vice-Chair of the Commission (Kenya) opened the meeting and made a statement.

In the ensuing dialogue, the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, China, Eritrea, Qatar, Ireland, the Republic of Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, Colombia and Egypt, participated.

The observers for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ecuador, Hungary, Sweden, Costa Rica, Ukraine, Morocco, the Czech Republic, Italy, Australia, the Dominican Republic and the Philippines, also participated.

The following invited speakers also participated in the dialogue Ms. Bineta Diop, Special Envoy of the African Union on Women, Peace and Security; Mr. Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the Fundamental Rights Agency, European Union; Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean, Secretary-General of the International Organization of the Francophonie; Ms. Florence Simbiri, Special Envoy of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI); Ms. Karen Gomez Dumpit, Commissioner of the

Philippines Commission on Human Rights; Ms. Ekaterine Skhiladze, Deputy Public Defender, Georgian Public Defender's Office; Ms. Sima Samar, Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Commission on Human Rights; Ms. Melissa Upretti, Member of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice; Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director of Food and Agriculture Organisation Liaison Office of the United Nations in New York; Mr. Melchiade Bukuru, Chief, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification Liaison Office in New York; and Mr. Bruno Rios Sánchez, Vice-Chair of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development.

Wednesday, 14 March 2018

Security Council

[archived video]

8202nd meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

Report of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2018/154)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Sudan to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Jeremiah Mamabolo, African Union-United Nations Joint Special Representative for Darfur and Head of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Mamabolo, via video-teleconference from El-Fasher, and by Her Excellency Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland, in her capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Equatorial Guinea, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Kazakhstan and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Sudan.

8203rd meeting

Letter dated 13 March 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2018/218)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, France, Kuwait, Equatorial Guinea, Poland, Peru, Sweden, Côte d'Ivoire, Kazakhstan, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Ethiopia, China, the Russian Federation and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

Further statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation.

General Assembly
Seventy-second session

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

30th meeting

Organization of work

The Chair of the Fifth Committee made a statement and welcomed the new Chair of the Group of 77 and China for 2018 (Egypt).

The Chair referred to the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/72/L.24), as updated through the Bureau.

The Chair made remarks.

The Committee adopted the programme of work for the first part of the resumed seventy-second session.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Angola (on behalf of the African Group), El Salvador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania; the country of the stabilization and association process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Mexico, the United States, China, the Russian Federation, Japan, Morocco and Belarus.

Joint Inspection Unit [item 142]

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Vice-Chair and Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Jorge Flores Callejas, introduced the annual report of the Unit for 2017 and its programme of work for 2018 (A/72/34) as well as the report of the Unit entitled "Outcome of the review of the follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit reports and recommendations by the United Nations system organizations" (A/72/704).

The Director, secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, introduced the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2017 (A/72/733) as well as the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Unit entitled "Outcome of the review of the follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit reports and recommendations by the United Nations system organizations" (A/72/704/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

The Committee concluded its general discussion on this question of the agenda item.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the item would be held on that day, Wednesday, 14 March, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting and would be coordinated by Ms. Nobuko Iwatani (Japan).

Economic and Social Council
2018 session

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-second session

[archived video]

6th meeting (parallel) *Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* [item 3]

Continuation of general discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Congo, Malawi, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Guatemala, Uruguay, Brazil and Israel.

Statements were also made by the observers of Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Yemen, Senegal, the Comoros, Somalia, Slovenia, Germany, Portugal, Austria, Lithuania, Chad, Sweden, Georgia, Hungary, Argentina, the United Arab Emirates, Honduras, the Czech Republic, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Greece, Pakistan and Japan.

6th meeting (parallel) *Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(ii) Review theme: participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women

The Vice-Chair (Estonia) opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Director of the Intergovernmental Support Division, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) made an introductory statement.

A presentation was made by the representative of Belgium, followed by comments and questions by the representative of Tunisia, as well as by the observer for Denmark and the observer of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, to which the presenters responded.

A presentation was made by the observer for Sri Lanka, followed by comments and questions by the observers for Nepal and Indonesia, as well as by the representative of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, to which the presenters responded.

A presentation was made by the representative of Colombia, followed by comments and questions by the representative of Norway and observer for Mexico, to which the presenter responded.

A presentation was made by the observer for Saudi Arabia, followed by comments and questions by the representative of Bahrain, as well as by the observer for Singapore, to which the presenter responded.

A presentation was made by the observer for New Zealand, followed by comments and questions by the representative of Canada, as well as by the observer for Australia, Lebanon and Samoa, to which the presenter responded.

A voluntary national presentation was made by the observer for Bulgaria, followed by comments and questions by the observers for Italy and Armenia, to which the presenter responded.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Estonia) made a statement.

7th meeting (parallel) *Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* [item 3]

The Chair of the Working Group of the Human Rights Council on discrimination against women in law and in practice, Elizabeth Broderick, made a statement.

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mongolia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Republic of Tanzania, Colombia, Namibia, India, El Salvador and Belgium.

Statements were also made by the observers of Mexico, Slovakia, Togo, Madagascar, Guinea, Singapore, Burundi, Lebanon, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Poland, Nicaragua, Cuba, Iraq, Viet Nam, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Botswana and Oman.

A statement was made by the observer of Holy See.

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The Vice-Chair (Colombia) opened the meeting and made a statement.

A presentation was made by the representatives of Kenya, followed by comments and questions by the observers for Rwanda and South Africa, as well as by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to which the presenters responded.

A presentation was made by the observers for Germany, followed by comments and questions by the representatives of Namibia and China, to which the presenter responded.

A presentation was made by the observers for Argentina, followed by comments and questions by the representative of Brazil, as well as by the observers for Paraguay and Mexico, to which the presenter responded.

A presentation was made by the observers for the Sudan, followed by comments and questions by the observers for Morocco and Ethiopia, to which the presenter responded.

A presentation was made by the observer for Costa Rica, followed by comments and questions by the representative of El Salvador, as well as by the observer for Panama, to which the presenter responded.

A presentation was made by the representative of Nigeria, followed by comments and questions by the representative of the United Kingdom, as well as by the observer for Morocco, to which the presenter responded.

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Thursday, 15 March 2018

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

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Asia-Pacific Group (ambassadorial level)

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Arab Group (Third Committee experts)

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Group of 77 (Workshop on Financing for Development)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

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Informal informal consultations on the theme "Conference on the Sustainable Blue Economy" (under agenda item 19) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Kenya)

Friday, 16 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Friday, 16 March 2018

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Friday, 16 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Non-Aligned Movement (extraordinary meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 19 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Event entitled "Fostering Innovation in Water Technologies for Sustainable Development Goal 6" (A/RES/71/222) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Singapore and PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency)

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